

SEARLE HOUSE  
109 Wilbur Avenue  
~~OAKLAND~~, RHODE ISLAND.  
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PHOTOGRAPHS  
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District of Rhode Island

Historic American Buildings Survey  
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Owner: Francis E. Bates, Wilbur Avenue,  
Oaklawn, Rhode Island.

Date of Erection: About 1677

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Present Condition: Fair

Numoer of Stories: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

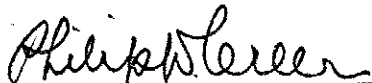
Materials of Construction: Frame structure with end chimney  
of stone, now topped out with  
brick. Has been added to several  
times. All additions very old.

Other Existing Records: Early Rhode Island Houses--Isham  
and Brown, Page 94.

Additional Data: Edmund Calverly and wife, Eliza-  
beth, came from England with others  
to Warwick, Rhode Island, in 1661.  
He and 47 others had grants of 5000  
acres of land. Edward Searle and  
wife, Joan White, sister of Edmund  
Calverly had deed from Edmund Cal-  
verly dated July 20, 1671--50 acres  
of land at Meshanticut to build  
house, (sons, Richard and Benjamin  
Searle).

C-1728 House originally was a one room,  
one and one half story stone end  
type with lean-to at rear. Two  
story central hall addition added  
about 1728. A gambrel roof addi-  
tion, now removed to another part  
of Oaklawn, formerly extended be-  
yond the two story center portion.

February 27, 1742	Benjamin Searle deeded homestead to brother Richard.
May 28, 1791	Richard Searle and Martha Searle, his wife, of Cranston, sold to Ezekiel Searle, one certain farm and tract of land, mainly a two-acre lot purchased by Peter Burlingame adjoining the premises, including a certain burying ground.
June 20, 1837	Pardon Spencer of Warwick, sold to S. Turner of Cranston, buildings and improvements part of homestead of Ezekiel Searle, now deceased.
March 2, 1848	Henry Howard as agent of S. Turner, sold Searle Farm to Lodwick Brayton.
August 29, 1855	Frank Turner bought farm of Lodwick and Ruth Brayton.
1905.	Sold to Francis E. Bates.
1938.	Francis E. Bates is still owner.

  
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